## University News

Dr Robert G. Sachs has been appointed director of the Enrico Fermi Institute in the University of Chicago in succession to Dr R. H. Hildebrand.

**Professor N. F. Robertson,** Hull, has been appointed to the joint post of professor of agriculture and rural economy in the **University of Edinburgh** and principal of the **Edinburgh** and **East of Scotland College of Agriculture.** 

Dr F. E. Jones, managing director of Mullard Ltd, has been appointed visiting professor in the Department of Electronics and Electrical Engineering at University College, London.

Dr R. L. Bisplinghoff has been appointed dean of the School of Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in succession to Dr G. S. Brown, who has been appointed to the Dugald C. Jackson professorship in engineering.

## Appointments

Professor D. A. Pond, London Hospital Medical College, and Professor T. Symington, University of Glasgow, have been appointed to the Medical Research Council in succession to Professor Martin Roth and Professor A. R. Currie.

Professor F. J. Hyde, at present professor of physical electronics in the University of Wales, has been appointed professor of electrical and electronic engineering and head of the department at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham, and Mr R. N. Shephard, at present senior principal scientific officer with the Ministry of Defence, has been appointed associate professor in the Department of Physics.

ERRATUM. Dr R. Pocklington, of the Institute of Oceanography, Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, has written to point out that the Atlantic II deep mentioned in the article, "Pleistocene Pteropods in Pelagic Sediments" (*Nature*, **219**, 1145; 1968) should be Atlantis II deep, after the RV Atlantis II.

ERRATUM. In the article "Effect of Antiserum to *E. coli* DNA Polymerase on Synthesis of  $\Phi X 174$  DNA in Extracts of  $\Phi X$ -Infected Cells", by David T. Denhardt (*Nature*, **220**, 131; 1968), µµmoles in the eighth paragraph and in the legend to Table 3 should read mµmoles.

ERRATUM. In the communication "Polydeoxynucleotide Intermediates in DNA Replication in Regenerating Liver", by K. Tsukada *et al.* (*Nature*, 220, 162; 1968), the first sentence should read: "Observations made by Okazaki *et al.*<sup>1,2</sup> and Oishi<sup>3</sup> support the idea that relatively small polydeoxynucleotides are intermediates in the replication of both strands of bacterial and phage DNA". The second sentence of the third paragraph should read: "The rise in nuclear DNA synthesis began about 12 h after the operation and the rate was about two-thirds of the maximimal after 16 h and maximal after 19 h (ref. 4)". In the penultimate paragraph the first two sentences should read: "The results obtained when the unheated DNA preparation of Fig. 4 was exposed to exonuclease I (240 u/ml., 30 min, 37° C) and portions were chromatographed on hydroxyapatite or sedimented in neutral or alkaline sucrose gradient are not shown".

ERRATUM. In the News and Views note "Swanscombe Re-excavated" (*Nature*, **220**, 123; 1968) the second sentence should have read "This summer, very woll preserved animal bones and Clactonian flake tools and chopper cores in mint condition, have been recovered from a two acre site owned by the Nature Conservancy", and not the National Trust as stated.

## International Meetings

November 13, Isotope Generators, London (Miss B. Bashford, General Secretary, The British Institute of Radiology, 32 Welbeck Street, London W1).

November 19, Detection and Assessment of the Toxicity of Materials used by the Food Industry, Solihull (The Secretary, BIBRA, Woodmansterne Road, Carshalton, Surrey).

November 25, Measuring Efficiency in Education, London (The Science of Science Foundation, c/o The Ciba Foundation, 41 Portland Place, London W1).

December 4, Scientific Information for Physicists, London (The Meetings Officer, The Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1).

December 13, Techniques for Biologists, London (Dr R. A. Dunning, Broom's Barn Experimental Station, Higham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk).

December 16-18, Chemical Aspects of Electron Spin Resonance, Cardiff (Dr J. C. Evans, Chemistry Department, University College, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF1 3NR).

December 17, New Techniques of Communication and their relevance to Efficiency in Education, London (The Science of Science Foundation, c/o The Ciba Foundation, 41 Portland Place, London W1).

January 2–4, Design of Physics Buildings, Lancaster (The Meetings Officer, Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1).

January 7-9, Orbital Symmetry Correlation in Organic Reactions, Cambridge (Dr J. F. Gibson, Scientific Affairs Officer, The Chemical Society, Burlington House, London W1).

February 17–19, Structure and Metabolism of the Pancreatic Islets, Umea (Professor B. Hellman, c/o. Department of Histology, University of Umea, Umea 6, Sweden).

February 18–21, Underwater and Marine Technology, Brighton (Oceanology International 69, 6 London Street, London W2).

February 19–20, **Tribology in Railways**, London (C. J. Pidgeon, Conference Department, Institution of Mechanical Engineers, 1 Birdcage Walk, Westminster, London SW1).

February 21–23, Chemicals and Oils from Coal, Bihar (Organising Secretary, Symposium on Chemicals and Oils from Coal, Central Fuel Research Institute, PO FRI, Dt. Dhanbad, Bihar, India).

February 27-28, Sugar Beet Research, Brussels, (150 rue Beauduin, Tirlemont, Belgium).

February 27-March 1, American Physical Society meeting, St Louis (Dr W. W. Havens, jun., American Physical Society, 335 East 45th Street, New York, NY 10017, USA).

March 1–7, American Concrete Institute Convention, Chicago (22400 West Seven Mile Road, Detroit, Michigan 48219).

March 3-8, Concrete, Dusseldorf (Deutscher Beton-Verein, Postfach 543, Bahnhofstr. 61, 6200 Wiesbaden, Germany).

March 5-7, Fundamental Cancer Research, Houston (Frances Coff, Special Projects, M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute, University of Texas, Houston, Texas 77025).

March 7-12, Pathology, San Francisco (Dr P. K. Mostofi, Secretary, c/o Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington DC 20305).